(b) what are the foreign missions handling bulk of the commercial communications, dealing with foreign investors; and

(c) whether the requirement of staff and equipment of commercial sections in major diplomatic missions has been assessed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir. Regular commercial wings exist in Missions that are important from the economic and commercial stand point. Following the introduction of new economic policies of the Government, required strengthening has been carried out where needed and computers and other office equipment is also being provided.

(b) The Missions which have significant interaction with foreign investors are those located in North America, West Europe, East and South East Asia and the Gulf.

(c) Yes Sir.

CBI inquiry into controversial note on Bofors gun deal

4688. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of investigation (CBI) has failed to identify the lawyer who handed over the controversial go-slow note on Bofors to the former Foreign Minister Mr. Madhavsinh Solanki;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that further search for the man is given up by the C.B.I.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The CBI has not been able to identify the lawyer.

(b) The CBI made inquiries in this regard from Shri Solanki who could not reveal any relevant information.

(c) According to the CBI, no further efforts are feasible.

MTCR Membership to India

4689. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government, at any time, offered or approached India to join as a full member or an adherent state to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR);

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such membership and the reaction of the Indian Government thereto;

(c) whether General Dynamics made an offer for the supply of cryogenic engines or technology to ISRO;

(d) whether such offer was made with the approval of the US Government; and

(e) the details of the offer and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The US has aksd India to consider adopting the MTCR guidelines.

(b) The MTCR is not a treaty. It is a set of export guidelines restricting transfers of missiles and missile related technology which countries implement through their national legislation. These guidelines are open to all nations to adopt. Government are committed to international efforts to promote general and complete disarmament under effective international controls which are universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory.